

*ABSTRACT AMENDMENTS*

Replace the Abstract with:

A stream of particles of a cleaning agent is ejected against an object to be cleaned so that the particles collide with a surface of the object. The cleaning agent includes ~~a plurality of particulate bodies made of gelatin or animal glue, and containing water contained in the particulate bodies~~ to impart viscosity and elasticity ~~thereto, and a plurality of stick-free fragments held on an outer surface of each particulate body. The cleaning agent is used under conditions where the~~ particulate bodies maintain the their viscosity and ~~the~~ elasticity by retaining the water ~~therein~~ so that the cleaning agent can capture and remove ~~a foreign material adhering to the surface of the object with the aid of the viscosity of the particulate bodies.~~